

NASKW EIS Oversight Committee
Thursday February 16, 2012
500 Whitehead Street, Suite 102
Key West, Florida

The NASKW EIS Oversight Committee convened at 11.05 A.M. at 500 Whitehead Street, Suite 102. Present were Commissioner Kim Wigington, County Administrator Roman Gastesi, Richard Shetzer, Don Riggs , Danny Kolhage, Clerk of the Court and Wilma Corbin, Assistant to the Commissioner and by teleconference Mayte Saintamaria, Asst. Planning Director , Suzanne Hutton County Attorney, and Michael Davis, Keith and Schnars, P.A.

There were no objections or additions to the agenda and a motion was made by Roman Gastesi and seconded by Dick Shetzer to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. Motion carried with no objections.

Mayte Saintamaria discussed an email from Ron Demes on behalf of NASKW and military installations within the county sent to Christine Hurley, Growth Mgmt. Director, James Murley, South Florida Regional Planning Commission and Rebecca Jetton, Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity. Growth Management is reviewing the objections to the comprehensive land use plan amendment on Military Compatibility raised by Mr. Demes and have set up a meeting with DEO to discuss the scientific study policy and other 14 points of concerns of the Navy.

Mike Davis of Keith and Schnars suggested that a Review Team be set up to coordinate the plan of action. He suggested the team consist of a (yet to be determined by Ms. Hurley) staff team from Growth Mgmt, including a staff member with environmental background and expertise. Mr. Davis suggested another team member be Commissioner Wigington from the EIS Oversight Committee. He listed the process and a time line to be followed once the EIS Draft is published. Mr. Davis has had conversations with Mr. Ron Demes, NASKW, indicating that the Navy was “dealing with alternatives” and the expected publication of the Draft EIS would take place in late June. Mr. Davis will follow up with a written response procedure to present at the next EIS meeting. The EIS committee members will begin to individually work on a list of concerns to discuss as a group at the next committee meeting.

Suzanne Hutton commented on the latest and ongoing proposed changes in language guiding military compatibility in the State Statutes. To date, the changes would address the non-binding comments from military installation commanders. The comments, according to the proposed language, would need to be accompanied by supporting documentation. Mr. Gastesi was tasked with following up with Robert Reyes, the county’s lobbyist in Tallahassee, to make sure Mr. Reyes is still following the changes and representing the county’s interest in the matter.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 11 A.M. at 500 Whitehead St, Suite 102 and will be posted on the county website

There being no more business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.